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August 24, 2000

Eldon Virgil Bedrock Stone Company 1033 North Grayson Parkway #3-6 Blanding, Utah 84511-2108

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Perkins Quarry (S/037/100) and Bacon Rock Quarry (S/037/101), San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Virgil:

Thank you for responding to our August 7, 2000 letter, by submitting the Notices of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for your Perkins Quarry (S/037/100) located in Section 20, T38S, R24E and Bacon Rock Quarry (S/037/101) located in Section 30, T38S, R24E, San Juan County, Utah. The notices were received August 18, 2000. Your permit application fees have been paid annually since the fees were initiated in 1998. We have reviewed the applications under our small mining rules, and find the notices are complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. Your projects are now in compliance with Division rules.

As described in your annual reports for 1999, the Perkins Quarry is inactive but the Bacon Rock Quarry is active and you are producing sandstone from that quarry. It is our understanding that your project sites are in compliance with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requirements. We do not have a BLM case file number identifying either of these sites.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices.

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Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation(s) beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. With our present workload, approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the sites. Best wishes with your mining operations.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Ted McDougal, BLM, Monticello FO

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